

**LLOYD WILLIAMS, on behalf of himself** :

**and all others similarly situated,** :

**Plaintiff,** :

**v.** :

**ENCORE CAPITAL GROUP, INC.,** :

**MIDLAND CREDIT MANAGEMENT,** :

**INC., MIDLAND FUNDING, LLC** :

**Defendants.** :

**CASE NO. 2:19-cv-05252-JMG**

Defendants Encore Capital Group, Inc., Midland Credit Management, Inc. and Midland Funding LLC respectfully move the Court to stay this case pending the Third Circuit's upcoming decision in *Michael Lutz v. Portfolio Recovery Associates, LLC*, No. 21-1656, for the reasons more fully set forth in the accompanying Memorandum of Law.

WHEREFORE, Defendants Encore Capital Group, Inc., Midland Credit Management, Inc. and Midland Funding LLC respectfully request that this Honorable Court grant their Motion and stay this case pending the Third Circuit's decision in *Michael Lutz v. Portfolio Recovery Associates, LLC*, No. 21-1656.

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**CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE**

I certify that on August 26, 2021, a true copy of the foregoing document was served on all counsel of record by electronic service.

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